Efforts are a foot to provide telephone connections by April 2000 to aforesaid three registrants.

Nalanda Exchange

2003. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that connectivity to Nalanda exchange remains disrupted quite often;

(b) whether Government are also aware that disruption continues for weeks together owing to the carelessness of the officers concerned;

(c) if so, the details of the period for which the connectivity remained disrupted during the last two months;

(d) the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) There was no disruption of connectivity during the last two months.

(d) and (e) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

However reliable media has already been provided for further improvement of services.

Clearance of waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh

2004. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of persons who are in the waiting list in the State as on 31.1.2000, district-wise;

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Sir, At present, all the 27212 telephones are working properly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) As on 31.1.2000, 1681 persons are in the waiting list in the State. District-wise details are given in the enclosed statement *(see* below).

(c) The waiting list is likely to be cleared by May, 2000.

(d) For clearing the waiting list, capacity of exchanges in different places, is being expanded.

STATEMENT

District-wise waiting list in Arunachal Pradesh (As on 31. 1.2000)

SI. No.	Name of District	Waiting list
1.	Tirap	102
2.	Lohit	41
3.	Dibang Valley	54
4.	East Siang	352
5.	West Siang	230
6.	Upper Siang	105
7.	Lower Subansiri	72
8.	Upper Subansiri	345
9.	East Kameng	86
10.	West Kameng	80
11.	Changlang	194
12.	Tawang	13
13.	Papumpare	7
	Total	1681

Setting up of Electronic Exchange in Arunachal Pradesh

2005. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of electronic telephone exchanges set up in Arunachal Pradesh during the last 3 years;

(b) the details of electronic telephone exchanges in the State proposed to be set up during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and